**Digital Citizenship**

All of us are citizens of the web. As parents and educators, we need to make sure that our students know their rights and responsibilities as digital citizens. It may seem like the “Wild West” sometimes because it seems like there are no “Sheriffs” out there to enforce the law. Unfortunately, this can lead to poor behavior for many “netizens”. This resource is designed to help all of us – teachers, parents, and students – do the right thing and be safe as digital citizens.

I appreciate the term "citizenship" being used to describe our membership in the web.  Indeed, we are all responsible for the web.  It has been a positive collaborative effort since inception.  By teaching our students how to behave in the digital world, we will maintain its excitement and powerful effect on our real world.

To find out more about helping children make the most of the online world.

<http://www.disney.co.uk/jup_images/club_penguin/Downloads/club-penguins-guide-to-the-wonderful-world-of-the-web.pd>

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**Etiquette and manners on line**

[Netiquette Guidelines](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz9O7bu-2MY) is a concise, student friendly You Tube video on interacting with peers on line (email or text.) It also shows how girls often over-react with additional “drama”. It is fun and educational.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz9O7bu-2MY>

[Netsmartzkids](http://www.netsmartzkids.org/) is a website that engages elementary age children and provides videos and games that demonstrate how to stay save online

<http://www.netsmartzkids.org/>

This silly video, [Bad Netiquette Stinks](http://www.netsmartz.org/NetSmartzKids/BadNetiquetteStinks), shows the “non-examples” or what not to do on the web.

<http://www.netsmartz.org/NetSmartzKids/BadNetiquetteStinks>

Larry Magid, tech consultant, offers 10 ways to establish safe and appropriate cell phone use for your family.

<http://www.connectsafely.org/10-rules-for-safe-family-cell-phone-use/?doing_wp_cron=1375717792.3548200130462646484375>

**Using Web Information for School Projects (Copying?)**

This site shows how to appropriately cite web sources that students (or teachers) may use in their writing, presentations, or projects.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

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<http://creativecommons.org/about/cc0>

Among many other projects, Creative Commons give us [Open Educational Resources (OER)](#http://creativecommons.org/education%23OER) These are teaching, learning, and research materials in any medium that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others.

**Cyber Safety**

<http://www.ikeepsafe.org>

iKeepSafe states its’ vision on their homepage: **To see generations of the world’s children grow up safely using technology and the internet.**

You will find a parent, an educator, and a youth section with practical suggestions and strategies to make the vision a reality.

Two tools for keeping your family safe from Google and From You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/safety.html>

Google

<http://www.google.com/goodtoknow/familysafety/>

ConnectSafely.org is a website teeming with straightforward information that will help parents and teachers understand and supervise the virtual world of the web.

<http://www.connectsafely.org>

<http://www.connectsafely.org/virtual-world-safety-tips-kids/>

**Cyber Bullying**

Tips to help someone who is being the target of cyber bullying and ways to help stop it.

<http://www.connectsafely.org/tips-to-help-stop-cyberbullying/>

Important information from a recent study of students in grades 3 – 5 on cyberbullying by the [Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC)](http://vc.bridgew.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=marc_reports).

<http://www.connectsafely.org/cyberbullying-in-grades-3-5-important-study/?doing_wp_cron=1375718072.5356020927429199218750>

Kids Health Website offers parents ways to help your child with cyberbullying incidents. The website offers this definition of cyberbullying:

*Sometimes cyberbullying can be easy to spot — for example, if your child shows you a text message, tweet, or response to a status update on Facebook that is harsh, mean, or cruel. Other acts are less obvious, like impersonating a victim online or posting personal information, photos, or videos designed to hurt or embarrass another person. Some kids report that a fake account, web page, or online persona has been created with the sole intention to harass and bully.*

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/cyberbullying.html>